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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:

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Filed: January 30, 2004

For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR WITH
ROTATABLE FASTENER

: Appeal No. _____

: Group Art Unit: 2833

: Examiner: Felix O. Figueroa

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REQUEST TO REINSTATE APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the March 22, 2007 Office Action, Applicant requests that the Appeal be reinstated in this application. Filed concurrently herewith is a Notice of Appeal and Brief on Appeal. Applicant requests the previously paid fees for the Notice of Appeal and Brief on Appeal be applied.

The Office Action states that "New grounds for rejection for claims 16-25 are set forth below". Page 10 also states that "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection".

Applicant requests clarification since no amendments were made after the final rejection. Thus, the final rejection appears premature. Furthermore, the rejection of claims 16-25 is the same rejection as presented in the January 5, 2006 Office Action. In the January 5, 2006 and the

March 22, 2007 Office Action, claims 16-18 and 21 are rejected over U.S. Patent No. 6,343,962 to Krause, claims 19 and 20 are rejected over Krause and U.S. Patent No. 5,975,821 to Kue, and claims 22-25 are rejected over Krause and U.S. Patent No. 3,775,730 to Rowls et al. Thus, the rejections appear to be identical so that no new grounds of rejection are presented.

Applicant requests the fees previously paid in connection with this appeal be applied. Although no additional fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted,



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